

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF HANCOCK COUNTY'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Bicentennial of Hancock County, Ohio. The perseverance of pioneers and settlers to overcome the challenges faced during the early years of the county's history has persisted throughout the past 200 years. The hard work and spirit shown by generations of county residents have made Hancock County an outstanding example of American ingenuity.

On February 12, 1820, the Ohio Legislature enacted legislation creating fourteen new counties in northwestern Ohio. One of the counties was named Hancock, honoring the American Revolutionary hero, John Hancock. Hancock County was officially established in 1820 and encompasses roughly 531 square miles. The county is an asset to the great State of Ohio through its many contributions in the fields of agriculture and manufacturing. One of Hancock County's noteworthy distinctions was having Ohio Governor Joseph Vance and songwriter Tell Taylor reside within the county.

By remembering the 200th Anniversary of Hancock County, community members and Ohio residents recognize the outstanding achievements, maintain our pioneer attitude, and strive to better our county through the principles on which it was founded. Thank you and congratulations to Hancock County on this significant milestone.

HONORING BOB HANDY FOR HIS PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, today, I celebrate the service of one of my constituents and good friend, Robert "Bob" Handy, who is a staunch advocate for veterans and had a prodigious 22-year career in the U.S. Navy as a Medical Corpsman.

Bob is the founder and Chairman of Veterans United for Truth, Inc. (VUFT), a veterans' support non-profit that played a critical role in addressing the Veterans Administration's (VA) mishandling of veterans' medical services, particularly of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) cases, and restrictive policies within the VA that prevented veterans with PTSD from appealing negative findings in their cases.

Bob led VUFT as the principal plaintiff in VCS et al. v. Nicholson et al., a 2007 class action lawsuit that challenged the federal gov-

ernment's compliance with the First and Fifth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, as it related to veterans' PTSD cases.

While the suit was initially successful in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, after being referred there by a District Court, a subsequent revised finding by a full panel of the court rejected it. The case was supported by millions of dollars of pro bona legal support and lasted into 2009.

Bob Handy's tireless pursuit of this case in the public realm brought new attention to the serious health issue of PTSD. His work resulted in important changes to the VA's approach on this issue.

I am honored to celebrate Bob Handy's distinguished service, exemplary advocacy, leadership, and commitment on behalf of veterans.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF PUTNAM COUNTY'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Bicentennial of Putnam County, Ohio. The perseverance of pioneers and settlers to overcome the challenges faced during the early years of the county's history has persisted throughout the past 200 years. The hard work and spirit shown by generations of county residents have made Putnam County an outstanding example of American ingenuity.

On February 12, 1820, the Ohio Legislature enacted legislation creating fourteen new counties in northwestern Ohio. One of the counties was named Putnam, honoring the American Revolutionary hero, Israel Putnam. Putnam County was officially established in 1820, but parts of the county remained in Wood County until 1824 and in Williams County until 1834. Putnam County contains roughly 480 square miles, and it was originally set aside for Ohio's Native American people by the Treaty of Greenville. Putnam County is an asset to the great State of Ohio through its many contributions in the fields of agriculture and manufacturing.

By remembering the 200th Anniversary of Putnam County, community members and Ohio residents recognize the outstanding achievements, maintain our pioneer attitude, and strive to better our county through the principles on which it was founded. Thank you and congratulations to Putnam County on this significant milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Mr. HARRIS. Madam Speaker, I regret to inform you that I am unable to vote due to an unavoidable conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 247.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MERCER COUNTY'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Bicentennial of Mercer County, Ohio. The perseverance of pioneers and settlers to overcome the challenges faced during the early years of the county's history has persisted throughout the past 200 years. The hard work and spirit shown by generations of county residents have made Mercer County an outstanding example of American ingenuity.

On February 12, 1820, the Ohio Legislature enacted legislation creating fourteen new counties in northwestern Ohio. One of the counties was named Mercer, honoring the American Revolutionary hero, General Hugh Mercer. Mercer County was established in 1820 and it contains roughly 463 square miles, including Grand Lake St. Marys. An essential part of Mercer County's history is connected to the lake, which was dug between 1837 and 1845 to provide a water source for the Miami and Erie Canal. Grand Lake St. Marys was the largest man-made lake in the world at the time. Today, it is a major tourist destination for all to enjoy. Mercer County has also been an asset to the great State of Ohio through its many contributions in the fields of agriculture and manufacturing.

By remembering the 200th Anniversary of Mercer County, community members and Ohio residents recognize the outstanding achievements, maintain our pioneer attitude, and strive to better our county through the principles on which it was founded. Thank you and congratulations to Mercer County on this significant milestone.

PASSAGE OF H.R. 6535, THE COVERAGE FOR URBAN INDIAN HEALTH PROVIDERS ACT

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I am grateful for my colleagues' support of my bill,

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